

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 13, 2009. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7 to 11, 13 and 16 to 20 remain pending in the application, with Claims 3, 5, 6, 12, 14 and 15 having been canceled. Claims 1, 8, 10, 17, 19 and 20 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 6 and 15 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 9 were objected to for the term “configured to” allegedly being ambiguous. While it is believed that the foregoing term is clear that each respective element forms part of the claimed apparatus, the term has nonetheless been cancelled from the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, regarding the claimed determining unit/step. As requested, the Examiner’s attention is directed to steps S4 and S5 of Fig. 17, and the accompanying description at page 19, line 23 to page 20, line 25. As described therein, it is determined whether the login user is a default user (first type of user), the process proceeds from S4 to S5 to hold the user login history without requesting the user to set the information whether to hold the history. If the user is not a default user, then the process proceeds to S7. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,684,957 (Kondo) in view of U.S. Patent No.

7,216,292 (Snapper) and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0074343 (Onuki), and Claims 3, 9, 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 § 103(a) over Kondo in view of Snapper and Onuki and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,666,502 (Capps). Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Applicant has chosen to incorporate the allowable subject matter of, for example, Claim 6, into each of the independent claims. Accordingly, the rejections are believed to be obviated and all claims now pending in the application are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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